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Big Sky Waiver

Authority of Section 1915(C) of the Social Security Act:

Allow states to waive certain Medicaid requirements in order to furnish a variety of home and community-based services to Medicaid beneficiaries who would otherwise be placed in institutional care.



Big Sky Waiver: Goals

- Target specific populations at risk of institutionalization
- ➤ Diverse services to meet varying needs of individuals
- ➤ Safeguards for Health & Safety
- Person-Centered service development
- ➤ Cost-Effective



Big Sky Waiver: Population

- ➤ Disabled (age 0-64) or Elderly (age 65 and above)
- ➤ Meet the level of care of a nursing facility
- Financially eligible for Medicaid
- Unmet needs that can be met with BSW services



Big Sky Waiver: Services

Skill Training Cleaning Home

Accessibility

Socialization

Individual

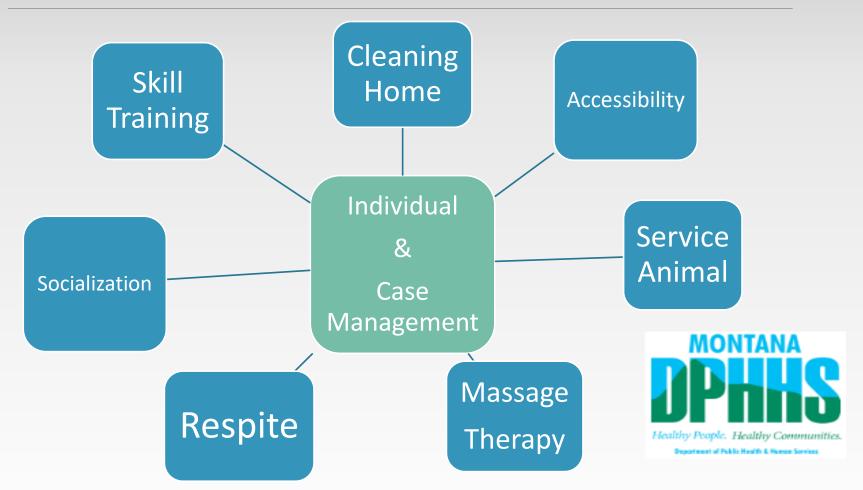
Service Animal

Respite

Massage Therapy



Big Sky Waiver



- ▶ Ten service areas in Montana
- ➤ Two agencies:
 - ➤ Partners In Home Care (Area 2)
 - ➤ Benefis Spectrum Medical (Areas 1, 3-10)

- Nurses, Social Workers, & Support Staff
 - ➤ Nurses: RN or LPN
 - ➤ Social Workers: MSW or BSW
- CMS HCBS Assurances training
- ➤ New Case Manager Training

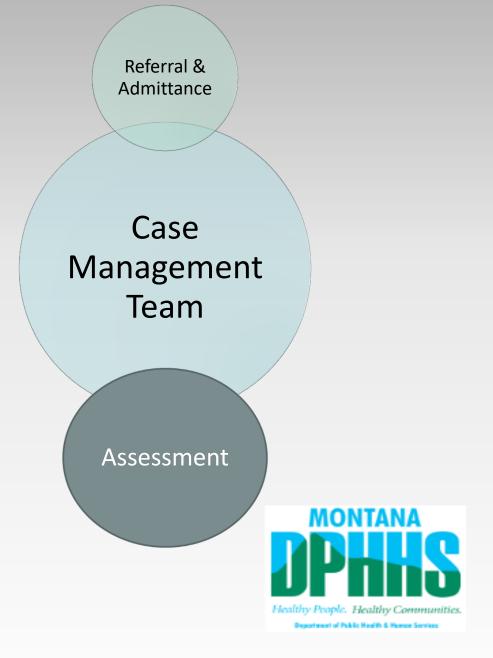


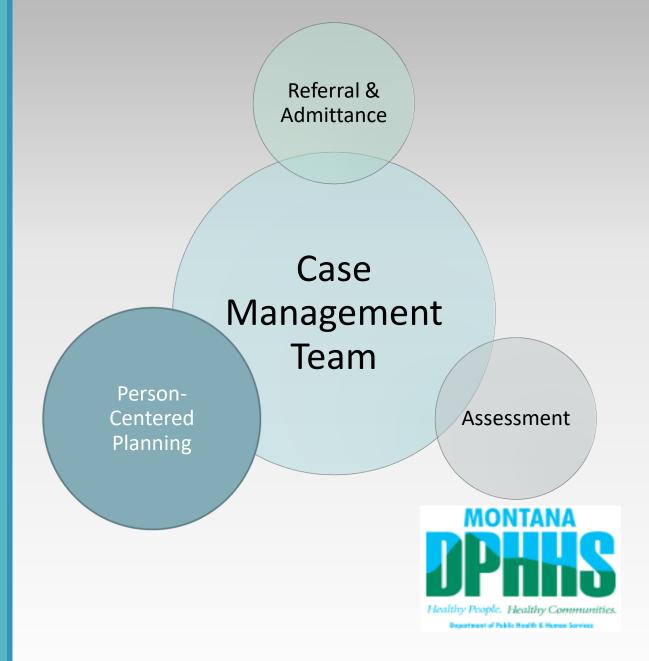


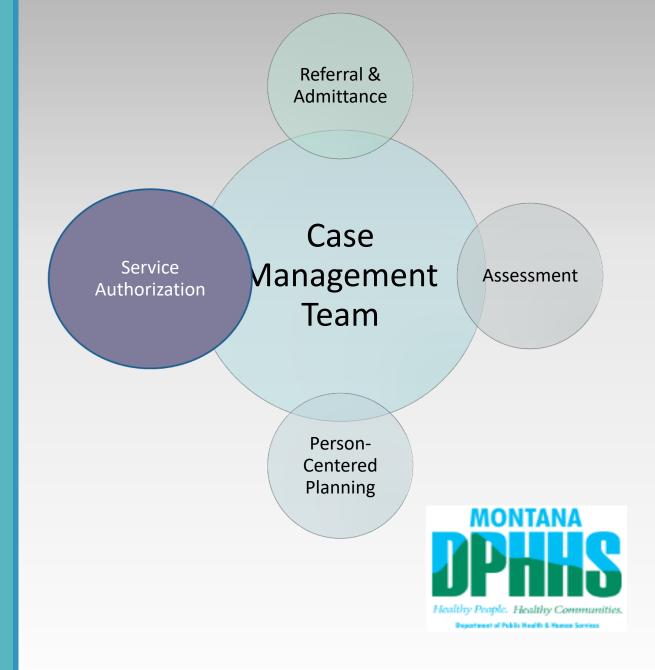


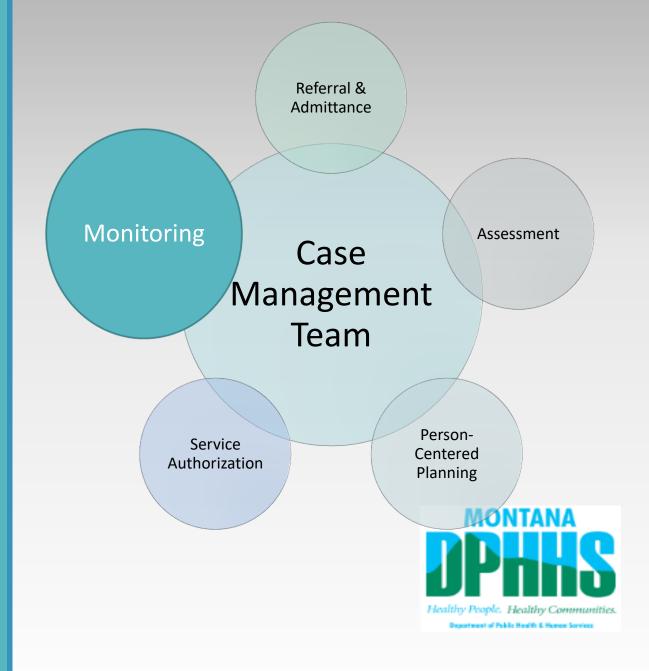
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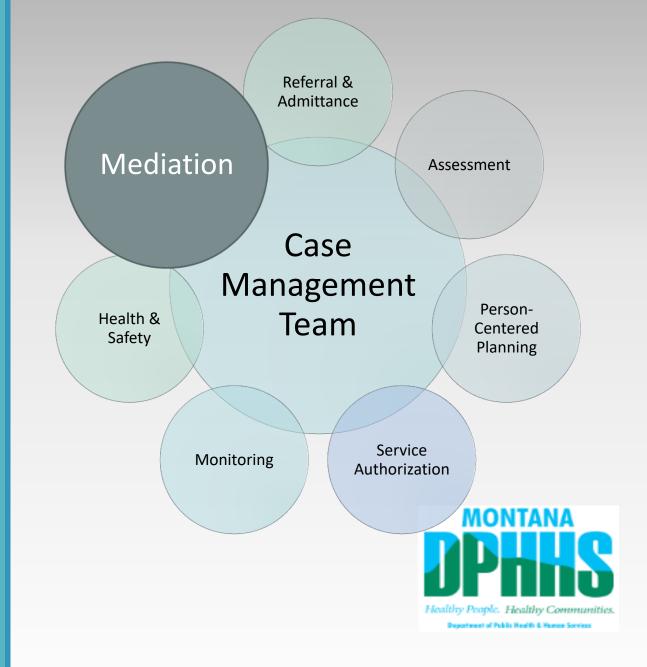














- Case Managers are central to the implementation of Big Sky Waiver services.
- Pivotal to ensuring BSW is meeting the goal of providing supports to promote health and independence for Montanans at risk of institutionalization.

